Division of Special Education Organizational Chart

Melodie A. Friedebach

Assistant Commissioner

Dale Carlson Coordinator

Administration

Assists the Assistant Commissioner of Special Education in implementing programs assigned to the Division. Responsible for fiscal management and accountability for the division's services and programs. This position directly supervises the sections of Funds Management, Data Coordination and Sheltered Workshops.

Gary Schroer Superintendent

State Schools for the Severely Handicapped (SSSH)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the (SSSH), a system of day schools providing special education services to students who are severely handicapped. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the SSSH. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public

James W. Sucharski Superintendent

Missouri School For the Blind (MSB)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the (MSB), a residential and day school providing special education services to students who are blind and visually impaired. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the MSB. Directs and coordinates the broad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the MSB.

Barbara Garrison Superintendent

Missouri School For the Deaf (MSD)

Responsible for the overall management and operation of the (MSD), a residential and day school providing special education services to students who are deaf and hearing impaired. Responsible under the direction of the Assistant Commissioner, the Commissioner and the State Board of Education for the operation of the MSD. Directs and coordinates the brad aspects of personnel, finance, school facilities, curriculum and public relations for the MSD.

Deborah Parsons Coordinator

Services

Assists the Assistant Commissioner of Special Education in implementing programs assigned to the Division. Responsible for compliance and professional development activities associated with all programs assigned to the Division. The position directly supervises the sections of Compliance and Effective Practices.

Heidi Atkins Lieberman

Legal Counsel

Serves as counsel to the Division, which includes MSD, MSB and 37 schools of the SSSH. Has responsibility for all legal issues arising for the Division, including, but not limited to, those relating to compliance with IDEA as well as any legal issues which arise in the operation of the three state board operated school programs, including, but not limited to, the following areas of law: employment, contract, probate, hazardous waste/toxic substances, general school law, municipal law. Acts as the litigation liaison between the Division and the AG's office for the litigation involving the Division. Provides legal advice to the department on human resources/employment law issues.

Joyce Jackman Director

Funds Management

Mary Corey Director

relations for the SSSH.

Data Coordination

Larry Young Director

Sheltered Workshops

Pam Williams Director

Compliance

Kate Numerick Director

Effective Practices